

by the Planning Commission before approving the plan size, through quarterly progress reports, visits to States and discussions between the Commission and State Governments.

(b) and (c) The main emphasis of the Commission is to bring down wasteful non-plan revenue expenditure rather than cutting down developmental plan expenditure and thereby improve the Balance from Current Revenues (BCR), rather than reducing revenue deficit.

(d) and (e) Ninth Five Year Plan envisages reduction of non-plan revenue expenditure (NPRE) to the lowest possible level and the State Governments have been advised to adopt suitable measures in this direction.

(f) and (g) The Annual Plan outlay of Andhra Pradesh has been fixed at Rs. 3533 crore for 1997-98. This represents an increase of 18.2% in the plan outlay over 1996-97 which was fixed at Rs. 2989 crore.

Cholera in Kerala

101. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the spreading of Cholera in the Coastal areas of Kerala especially in Aleppuzha district during the previous monsoon season; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Union Government to control the spreading of Cholera during the current year in view of the past experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A team composed of Scientists from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta visited three districts of Kerala, Namely, Aleppuzha, Palaghat and Kozhikode in the first week of August, 1996. After extensive investigations, the outbreak of diarrhoea was found to be due to contamination of water sources with the Cholera micro-organism. Short-term and long-term measures for control and prevention of further outbreaks were suggested by the team to the State Government.

(b) The State health authorities were advised to take adequate Preventive measures against such outbreaks this year. The proposed measures included water quality monitoring, upkeep of water supply and sewage pipes, ensuring general sanitation including food sanitation and adequate stocking of medicines alongwith mass health education activities.

[*Translation*]

Residences Converted in Monuments

102. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of residences of national leaders converted in monuments in Delhi so far;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to convert the residence of Late Babu Jagjiwan Ram in a monument;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a)

(i) Teen Murti House : Dedicated in the name of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru

(ii) 1, Safdarjang Road : Dedicated in the name and 1, Akbar Road of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Govt.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

[*English*]

Clearance of Pending Project

103. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has discussed some issues with the Prime Minister affecting the State on account of the review of the Lakadawala Committee's recommendation;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed;

(c) whether the Government have assured to clear all the pending projects relating to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The issue raised by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh related to getting the poverty ration of the State reestimated under the Lakadawala methodology by eliminating the price depressing effect of the Government sponsored food subsidy programme.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that the pending projects relating to Andhra Pradesh have been sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the various Ministries concerned for necessary action.